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SUBJECT: NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE

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1. UNHCR HAS GIVEN THE EMBASSY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
ON THE NUMBER OF ZIMBABWEAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES
CURRENTLY IN MOZAMBIQUE.

A. ZIMBABWEANS: THERE ARE 34,500 ZIMBABWEANS LIVING
IN THREE UNHCR-SPONSORED CAMPS IN MOZAMBIQUE. THE
CAMPS AND THEIR POPULATIONS ARE:

DOROI.....17,500
TRONGA.....15,000
MAVUDZI..... 4,000

B. SOUTH AFRICANS: THERE ARE 12 SOUTH AFRICANS UNDER
UNHCR AEGIS LIVING IN MOZAMBIQUE AND APPROXIMATELY
15-20 SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES TRANSITING MOZAMBIQUE
EVERY MONTH FOR DAR-ES-SALAAM AND OTHER POINTS.

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THE UNHCR MAINTAINS A SMALL TRANSIT CAMP IN MOZAM-
BIQUE'S GAZA PROVINCE FOR SOUTH AFRICANS WHO CROSS
THE BORDER INTO SOUTHERN MOZAMBIQUE.

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2. COMMENT:

A. ZIMBABWES: THE UNHCR BELIEVES THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 18,000 OTHER ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES LIVING IN MOZAMBIQUE WHO ARE OUTSIDE OF UN CONTROL. THESE REFUGEES ARE UNDER THE CARE OF ZANU AND ARE THOUGHT TO BE LIVING IN TWO CAMPS, ONE IN MANICA PROVINCE AND THE OTHER IN TETE. BOTH THESE CAMPS HOUSE FAMILIES OF ZANU INSURGENTS, AND ARE BELIEVED TO BE FAIRLY CLOSE TO ZANU BASES IN MANICA AND TETE PROVINCES. THE ZANU FAMILY REFUGEE CAMPS IN MANICA ARE ALSO THOUGHT TO BE FAIRLY CLOSE TO THE UNHCR-SPONSORED CAMP AT DOROI. ALTHOUGH NO UNHCR OFFICIALS HAVE VISITED THESE CAMPS, SOME UN OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT CONDITIONS IN THE ZANU CAMPS ARE BETTER THAN IN THE UNHCR CAMPS.

B. SOUTH AFRICANS: UNHCR OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE WOULD BE LARGER NUMBER OF SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES LIVING IN MOZAMBIQUE, EXCEPT THAT THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT DOES NOT WANT A LARGE NUMBER OF SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES LIVING SEMI-PERMANENTLY IN MOZAMBIQUE.

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